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1. Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
2. Form PTO-1449 (9 pages);
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Respectfully submitted,

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